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Engineering Field Activity, Midwest  
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Re: Final Preliminary Assessment  
NTC Lakefront and TSA Ranges  
Naval Station Great Lakes  
Great Lakes, Illinois

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Great Lakes Naval Station  
Superfund/Technical

Dear Mr. Hickey:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) is in receipt of the Navy's responses to Agency comments on the *Final Preliminary Assessment, Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois for the NTC Lakefront and TSA Ranges*. They were dated April 23, 2008 and were received on April 24, 2008. Included with those responses were replacement pages for the final document incorporating prior Illinois EPA comments. The Agency has reviewed the responses to comments and the revised final document and will respond to each comment individually below.

- 1) **Response to Comment number 1** - Response acceptable.
- 2) **Response to Comment number 2** - Illinois EPA understands the Navy's stated position regarding munitions storage locations in that they are not to be addressed under the Munitions Response Program (MRP) because they are closed under their own set of regulations. However, Illinois EPA has previous experience investigating munitions storage bunkers/igloos at other military sites within Illinois and has found that, in some cases, there is residual contamination left behind and occasionally discarded munitions are discovered. Therefore, the Agency will agree that the Navy will not address those sites under the MRP, but will insist that they be investigated at some point under whatever program they would then fall. Illinois EPA would expect to be included/involved with any such investigation at that time.
- 3) **Response to Comment number 3** - Response acceptable.

- 4) **Response to Comment number 4** – Response acceptable.
- 5) **Response to Comment number 5** – Response acceptable.
- 6) **Response to Comment number 6** – Response acceptable.

Since the Navy responses are considered acceptable and there are no additional comments, Illinois EPA can concur with the contents of the Preliminary Assessment regarding the two sites addressed within it, the Naval Training Center Lakefront, and the Trap, Skeet, and Archery Ranges. Illinois EPA can provide no assurance, though, that these are the only two sites on base requiring investigation as the Agency has no way of knowing if additional sites may have been overlooked.

If you have any questions regarding anything in this letter or require any additional information, please contact me at (217) 557-8155 or by electronic mail at [Brian.Conrath@illinois.gov](mailto:Brian.Conrath@illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

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